

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Bi-Monthly Meeting
December 10th, 2008 3-5 PM
LEAF Auditorium

Highlights

Attendance:

Cathy Allen, Lucinda Andreani, Patricia Bigwood, Kurt Braatz, Lynn Burch, Kevin Burke, Denise Burley, Thomas Chotena, Brent Cooper, Linda Cowan, Joy Dillehay, Allen Gerhardt, Terry Hance, Deb Hill, Donald Jacobson, Brian Kolb, Gary Krcmarik, Brad Mattingly, Mandy Metzger, Margaret McCullough, Bryon Matsuda, Eslier Musta, Gary Pearlmutter, Steve Peru, Sara Presler, Bill Pribil, Dave Rozema, Sara Schmoll, Lisa Stankovich, Joy Staveley, Vicki Vega, Mary Walsh-Navarro, Wendy White, Cindy Winn, and Debbie Young.

1. Welcome and Introductions *Steve Peru chaired meeting*

2. Approval of Minutes: (No minutes produced for October meeting because it was taken up by AOC budget presentation)

3. Presentation of Awards to:

Maury Herman, Joy Staveley, for their citizen contributions to CJCC

Hon. Thomas Chotena, Lisa Stankovich, Kevin Harris, and Don Jacobson for their role and leadership in implementing the Mental Health Court in the Flagstaff Municipal Court

Gary Krcmarik and Don Jacobson for their commitment to communication and collaboration

4. Action Item - Approval of CJCC Strategic Plan:

Gary Krcmarik presented the CJCC Strategic Plan for approval

The 2009-2010 CJCC Strategic Plan was approved by CJCC

5. Sub-Committee Accomplishments

Brad Mattingly - **SA/MH Committee is now the Behavioral Health Subcommittee.** The group is working towards:

1. Reviewing the strategic plan
2. Commitment from NARBHA to work with the subcommittee
3. Share information about the Homeless Shelter
4. The group is discussing the Mental Health Court expansion at the Superior Court and will make recommendations to CJCC
5. Report on the CIT Program. Increased ability to address mental health issues in the field as a result of the training. A reduction of the arrests as a result of the CIT expansion.
6. The group is looking at domestic violence issues and collecting data from different agencies.

Wendy White – Homeless Court Model will be developed at the Flagstaff City Court. This model was first implemented in San Diego. A grant has been submitted to NARBHA to fund a study to implement the Homeless Court in Flagstaff. The Court is part of the Flagstaff Justice 2025 Plan and aims to create sentencing options and reduce backlogs at the Municipal Court.

Bryon Matsuda - Juvenile Justice

1. Adult mentoring program at the Juvenile Court. Partnership with the Flagstaff Symphony and community leaders to provide defining moments for juveniles. A special acknowledgement to Mayor Sara Presler for her active role and leadership in the mentoring program. Looking to expand the program and create broader partnership in the community. Involve the business community in the effort.
2. The Children of Incarcerated Parents group is gaining momentum. There are 25-30 people involved in the program.
3. The Juvenile Justice Community Advisory Board is being reorganized to allow for greater community involvement.

6. Agency Information Exchange

Cyndy Winn – Adult Probation is focused on budget issues. The budget picture changes every day. Adult Probation may lose funding for the surveillance officer position.

Gary Krcmarik – State Court Leadership Conference was held in Phoenix. The Conference focused on budget issues and the expected cuts for this and the next fiscal year. AOC funds Probation and Juvenile Services. The situation is deteriorating every day. It is very important to continue communications and work together through these tough times.

Don Jacobson - City Court is looking at budget cuts. The City Court will report to City Manager about 18 percent reduction in programs.

County Attorney Terry Hance – CJCC needs to focus on the basic and immediate needs of the Criminal Justice System. A women's shelter is needed for Drug Court cases. A pregnant woman in Drug Court could not be placed in any shelter in town and is living in her car.

Chief Brent Cooper – Crime is down 8% over the past year

Sheriff Bill Pribil – The state is floating the idea of the prisoner shift to counties again. If this scenario materializes, then the county jail will lose revenues from bed rentals and experience higher costs.

The Sheriff's Office is implementing a program to identify veterans in the jail system so they can benefit from referrals and assistance.

Judge Kolb - Experiencing an increased in the appearance rates in the Justice Courts.

7. Coordinator Report Wendy White

A list of year-end accomplishments is attached. Wendy will play a new role with CJCC as a consultant with CJCC.

8. Action Item - Bylaws Changes:

The Executive Committee proposed amendments to the CJCC bylaws. The amendments 1) add a representative from NAU to CJCC, and 2) require that CJCC subcommittees meet at least every two months and submit written reports to the CJCC Executive Committee prior to the CJCC meetings.

During discussion of the motion to approve the bylaws, the group raised questions concerning the term that subcommittee chairs are expected to serve. The issue was tabled for discussion at the Executive Committee. The proposed CJCC bylaws were approved with the noted changes.

9. Discussion Topic: Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Plans

Kevin Burke – There are some positive signs in the Greater Flagstaff economy. Unemployment rate in Flagstaff is lower than the state average. The manufacturing sector in the area is growing slowly. City of Flagstaff is focused on a stimulus package to aid construction sector. Sale tax revenues are dropping significantly. The city is facing a \$13 million budget shortfall. The City is looking at reducing the levels of service to make up for the shortfall.

Steve Peru – County is also facing a deficit. The County had to make involuntary contribution of \$1.275 million to address state budget imbalance in the current fiscal year. The County is lobbying against the prisoner shift and for a share of photo radar revenues. The County has also started a process to identify the available capacity for the current year. Next year the County is taking a new approach to developing the budget.

Other Items:

Announced a reception for Terry Hance and the retiring Supervisors on December 11, 2008 in the County's Administration Center.

Meeting Adjourned

2007-2008 CJCC Accomplishments

- Reversal of increasing jail population trend (This is a result not a strategy)
 - At the time of the jail district sales tax campaign, the jail population trend was an annual 8% increase in local bed days. For the first time since 2001 local jail bed usage fell during the past 12 months.
- Continued improvement of data analysis capabilities (Strategy 2.4S)
 - Addition of Flagstaff Police Department LGAN site
 - Refinement of Jail LGAN site with the addition of new variables, revision to existing variables
 - Creation of Limited Jurisdiction Court Report
 - Creation of Access Database for Jail Exodus program
- Survey of CJCC members to improve meetings (Strategy 2.1C)
 - Change in meeting agenda format in response to survey has improved CJCC members perception of value of meetings
- Second Strategic Planning Retreat (Strategy 2.1C?)
 - Creation of second strategic plan enhanced with goal setting
 - Development of vision statement
- Continuation of reimbursement requests from SCAAP and SWBPI (Strategy 3.2?)
 - Both SCAAP and SWBPI are now being processed internally and are essentially automated reimbursement requests
 - Through SCAAP program jail district received app. \$78,000 for FY 06 and \$98,000 for FY 07
 - SWBPI reimbursements submitted by CA netted \$316,111 since October 2007 and there is \$282,500 in outstanding requests pending determination which an expected reimbursement between \$115,000 and \$162,000.
- Creation of a grant type program to be funded by SWBPI funds (program was put on hold by BOS /CM because of budget crisis) (Strategy 1.1C)
- Addition of PTS weekend staff to provide weekend judges with criminal history information at Initial Appearances (Strategy 1.3P, 1.8S, 2.2S)
- Addition of a Wednesday arraignment court in Flagstaff City Court (implemented after data was pulled from LGAN identifying types of cases and seasonal trends at jail) (Strategy 2.2S)
- Implementation of a call notification system in the Flagstaff Justice Court (based on FTA pilot project conducted by coordinator in 06) (Strategy 2.2S)
- CJCC has gained recognition in the State and nationally for its movement toward evidence based practices including citations to two coordinator reports and invitations to present information to other CJ groups (Unexpected result)
- Commencement of validation study of the risk matrix used in release decisions and identification of low cost technical assistance to conduct study (Strategy 1.1P, 1.3P, 2.2S)
- Increase in alternatives that prevent crime and reduce jail beds used (ITU and Homeless Shelter)(Strategy 1.1M, 1.3M, 1.4M)
- Identification and commencement of additional alternatives including Homeless Court program and Serial Inebriate program (Strategy 1.1P, 1.2P, 1.3M, 1.4M)
- Conducted two 40 hour CIT training programs (Strategy 1.6M)